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SUBJECT: 1976 NEA CONSULAR CONFERENCE

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1. POST GRATEFUL TO EMBASSIES KUWAIT AND JIDDA FOR BRINGING TO OUR ATTENTION THE PROPOSED 1976 NEA CONSULAR CONFERENCE. WE CONCUR WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN REF B, AND BELIEVE CONFERENCE WOULD BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO OUR FIRST TOUR OFFICER WHO IS SOLE AMERICAN EMPLOYEE IN CONSULAR SECTION. BURGEONING AMCIT POPULATION IN THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT ALMOST DOUBLED LAST YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE TO ALMOST 30,000 WITHIN NEXT 18 MONTHS. CONSEQUENTLY THE RAPIDLY INCREASING BURDEN ON OUR LONE CONSULAR OFFICER REQUIRES THAT WE TAKE ANY ACTION POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT GREATER OPERATING EFFICIENCY. ATTENDANCE AT THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE WOULD BE VERY VALUABLE TO OUR CONSULAR OFFICER, AND EMPHASIS ON OFFICE MANAGEMENT, AS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY KUWAIT, WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL.

2. WE RECOGNIZE DESIRABILITY OF LIMITING SIZE OF CONFERENCE GROUP (AND NEA'S BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS,) BUT WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANYTHING DEPARTMENT CAN DO TO INVITE TO TUNIS OUR CONSULAR OFFICER, FSO-7 STEPHEN C. ENGELKEN. BUSHNELL

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